



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 03495.0194-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Penelope MAVROMARA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1636
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Application No.: 10/664,038) Examiner: James S. Ketter
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Filed: September 17, 2003)
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For: NUCLEIC ACIDS AND NEW) Confirmation No.: 3906
POLYPEPTIDES ASSOCIATED)
WITH AND/OR OVERLAPPING)
WITH HEPATITIS C VIRUS CORE)
GENE PRODUCTS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 8, 2005, the period for response having been extended to January 8, 2006, (a Sunday, Reply filed Monday, January 9, 2006), by a request for extension of one (1) month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper, beginning on page 3.

Amendments to the Drawings are included in the attached Replacement Sheet Fig. 8. The amendments are discussed in this paper at page 8 and are also illustrated in the attached annotated copy.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper, beginning on page 9.

Attachments to this amendment include **Replacement Sheet Fig. 8** and **Annotated Copy showing changes**.